

CA COVID Pandemic Relief Act

Overview:

An agreement between the Governor and legislature provides \$7.6 billion in emergency relief for individuals, small businesses, nonprofits and other key support for Californians.

Support for Small Businesses

\$2.1 billion in additional funding for the state's COVID relief small business and non-profits grant programs. This is a four-fold increase over the \$500 million currently being distributed.

Funds are administered by Lendistry: <https://lendistry.com/>

Fee Waivers for Heavily Impacted Licensees

Two years of fee relief for roughly 59,000 restaurants and bars licensed through the state's Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control that can range annually from \$455 to \$1,235.

Fee relief for more than **600,000 barbering and cosmetology** individuals and businesses licensed through the Department of Consumer Affairs.

Federal Child Care Funds:

\$400 million federal dollars made available for state subsidized childcare and preschool providers.

Food Bank and Diaper Banks:

\$35 million for immediate support for Food Banks and Diaper Banks.

Farm Worker Shelter and Aid through Housing for the Harvest

\$24 million to support the Housing for the Harvest program to provide shelter and aid for farm workers impacted by COVID-19.

For full text of the bills, visit: <http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov>

- AB 81 by Assemblymember Philip Ting (D-San Francisco) – COVID-19 relief.
- AB 82 by Assemblymember Philip Ting (D-San Francisco) – COVID-19 pandemic emergency: contact tracing: childcare.
- AB 85 by the Committee on Budget – Budget Act of 2020.
- SB 87 by Senator Anna Caballero (D-Salinas) – California Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant Program: income tax: gross income: exclusion: small business grants.
- SB 88 by the Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review – One-time stimulus payment: delinquent accounts: Earned Income Tax Credit: statements.
- SB 94 by Senator Nancy Skinner (D-Berkeley) – Alcoholic beverage control: barbering and cosmetology: license renewal fees: waiver.

Source: <https://www.gov.ca.gov/2021/02/23/governor-newsom-signs-legislative-package-providing-urgent-relief-to-californians-experiencing-pandemic-hardship/>

CA Nonprofit Grants: <https://www.grants.ca.gov/grants/california-small-business-covid-19-relief-grant-program/> and <https://www.grants.ca.gov/agencies/governors-office-of-business-economic-development/>

Link to Assembly Committee on Jobs, Economic Development and Economy hearing about the Relief package and economic outlook for 2021: <https://www.assembly.ca.gov/media/assembly-jobs-economic-development-economy-committee-20210223/video>